



*The First Congregational Church  
of the United Church of Christ  
Stockbridge, Massachusetts*

CE SUNDAY

*June 19, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.*

For those worshipping at home: you are invited to text the names of those attending to 413-644-6435 that we might welcome you. **Please also include prayers of joys and concerns as we will name them in worship.**

For those on the front lawn: Masks are optional, but masking is always welcome.

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

GATHERING MUSIC

Bob Logan, *piano*

FRAMING WORDS

Rev. Brent Damrow

**GATHERING IN WORSHIP**

INTROIT

*Amazing Grace*

Kids Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP by Christine Longhurst

Ruth Wheat

One: Brothers and sisters, boys and girls –

**All: Come and worship!**

One: Even if you're tired and worn out –

**All: Come and worship!**

One: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying –

**All: Come and worship!**

One: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you –

**All: Come and worship!**

One: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you –

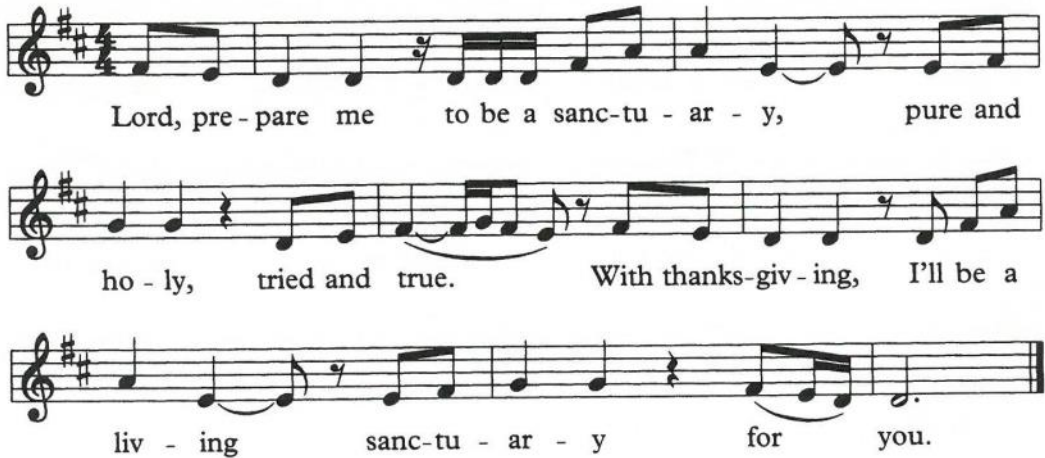
**All: Come and worship!**

One: For Jesus is humble and gentle,

**All: And he will give us everything we need to follow him.**

\*HYMN

*Lord Prepare Me*



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

WORDS: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs  
MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

SANCTUARY  
Irregular

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Khalil Haddir and Terry Wise

Khalil: At the birth of Jesus a multitude of the heavenly host came praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all people.

Terry: After the resurrection, Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Khalil: Today in honor of Jesus I say to you "peace be with you!"

**All: And also with you!**

WELCOME

Rev. Damrow

**THE GIFT OF THE WORD**

SONG

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Kids Choir

REMEMBERING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Evans

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our God, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily**

bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SONG *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Kids Choir

HONORING OUR TEACHERS Elizabeth Evans

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-36 Vicky Cooper

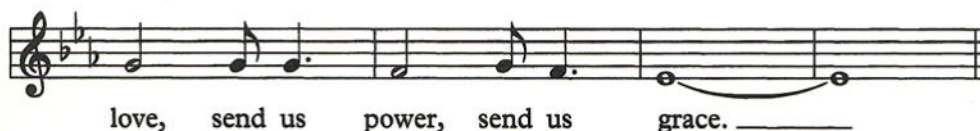
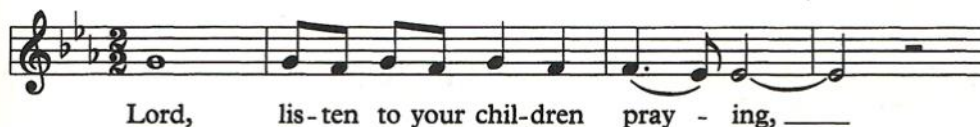
REFLECTION Luke and Covenant Studies Vicky Cooper

\*HYMN *I've Got Peace Like a River* See page 6

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS Rev. Damrow

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*



CALL TO THE OFFERING Paul Rix and Adrianna

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Pass it On*, by Kurt Kaiser Jill Wheat

\*DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

\*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS based on Luke 9:12-17 Paul Rix and Adrianna

On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Amen.

~ From the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

\*INVITATIONS

Rev. Damrow

\*SENDING CHARGE by Christine Longhurst

Jake Damrow

One: Brothers and sisters, boys and girls –

**All: Go to love and serve!**

One: Remember the joy and love of this hour –

**All: Go to love and serve!**

One: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying –

**All: Go to love and serve!**

One: When things get hard reach out to hold his hand –

**All: Go to love and serve!**

One: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you –

**All: Go to love and serve!**

One: For Jesus is humble and gentle,

**All: and he will give us everything we need to love and serve.**

\*SUNG BENEDICTION

*Christ Beside Me*

1., 3. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,  
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ be - hind me — King of my heart; —  
Christ all a - round me — shield in the strife; —  
Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,  
Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,  
Christ a - bove me — nev - er to part. —  
Christ in my ris - ing — light of my life. —

WORDS: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*; adapt. by James Quinn

MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody

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POSTLUDE

Bob Logan, *piano*

All are invited to remain for a time of food and fellowship.

# I've Got Peace Like a River

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1. I've got peace like a riv-er, I've got peace like a

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. A repeat sign follows, with the first ending marked with a '1' above the staff.

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my

The second system continues the melody from the first system. It features a first ending bracket over the final two measures, marked with a '1' above the staff. The lyrics 'riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my' are written below the notes.

soul. I've got riv-er in my soul.

The third system continues the melody. It features a second ending bracket over the final two measures, marked with a '2' above the staff. The lyrics 'soul. I've got riv-er in my soul.' are written below the notes. The system concludes with a double bar line.

2. I've got joy like a fountain ...

3. I've got love like an ocean ...

WORDS: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER  
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## **Book Discussion Group – Four Tuesdays in July, 4:00-5:00pm**

Join Linda Russell to discuss *Love Is The Way (Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times)* by Bishop Michael Curry. We will gather in person under the shade of the trees in front of the church. If it is too hot or too wet we can sit socially distanced inside the church. Please contact Linda Russell with questions and/or to sign up for the discussion group by contacting Linda at [LindaBox594@gmail.com](mailto:LindaBox594@gmail.com) or (203) 536-6110.

From the publisher: *Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action. As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life.*

*We welcome our visitors this morning. We are an Open and Affirming Church which means that we invite persons of every sexual orientation, gender identification and expression, racial and cultural identity, age, physical ability, economic circumstance, faith background and family structure to share fully in the ministry, leadership and fellowship of this congregation's life in Christ.*

The Rev. Brent Damrow, Pastor

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
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— Stockbridge, Massachusetts —

CALL TO MEETING

To all members of the First Congregational Church  
of the United Church of Christ  
Stockbridge, Massachusetts

In accordance with the bylaws of the church, The Church Council hereby calls  
a Special Meeting of the church for

**Sunday, June 26, 2022** immediately following worship.

The business to be transacted is as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. To act upon this business:
  - A. Authorize Cathy Clark, as Moderator, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Berkshire Waldorf High School regarding the establishment of a 180-day period of exclusive relationship during which we would explore the possibility of and the mechanisms for entering into partnership regarding the use of Proctor Hall.
  - B. Appoint a Task Force to represent the congregation in that work.

**Jeremy Ridenour, Clerk**

**Catherine Clark, Moderator**



Note: The MOU and the list of proposed Task Force members will be emailed to members and associate members today, Sunday. If you don't receive a copy, please contact the church office.